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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Vikas Kundra

Serial No.: 10/076,267

Filed: February 14, 2002

For: FUSION PROTEINS BASED UPON
SOMATOSTATIN RECEPTORS

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Konstantina T. Katcheves

Atty. Dkt. No.: UTSC:753US

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including April 12, 2004 in which to respond to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$55.00) for a one-month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R.

§§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an

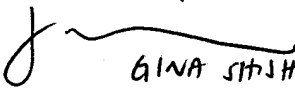
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overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTSC:753US/SLH.

Respectfully submitted,


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